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Some Students Take Part In Pre-election Activities

Although classes met as usual between Oct. 29 and Nov. 4 with most students in attendance, over 50 from all four classes worked for gubernatorial, senatorial, or congressional candidates during that period. At Sweet Briar this exercise in practical politics was combined with definite academic obligations.

Some students returned to their home states while others remained at college to work at party headquarters in Lynchburg, Amherst, or Charlottesville. Their choices of candidates ranged from a 'peace' candidate in Connecticut to the Conservative Party aspirant in New York and included three Virginia senatorial nominees, Byrd, Garland, and Rawlings.

Those who missed classes were required to complete all assignments, including laboratory work and physical education, before or after their absence. After returning, each must submit a written report of her political participation, for evaluation by the Department of Government.

As he has done in election years over the past decade for his classes in party politics, Dr. Thomas V. Gilpatrick, professor of government, gave the entire group two sessions in practical politics. He was assisted by Carol Remington, a senior majoring in government who last year attended the Semester in Washington at American University, where her project was to evaluate the staff structure of the Republican National Committee headquarters. She also worked there last summer.

For her senior independent study project on student political participation, Carol conducted a preliminary survey on political attitudes of those students who took part and of a group of students who did not take part, to be able to compare her findings. She also prepared the outline to be used by each student in writing her report on her return to campus. Later Carol will use these materials for her own independent study report.

Parents' Day Held

A father-daughter tennis tournament and a demonstration lecture in art history were new features on the program for this year's Parents Day, the 24th annual observance of this event at Sweet Briar, which was attended by some 500 guests on Oct. 24.

Nathan H. Bundy, Jr., Norfolk, new chairman of the Parents' Council, presided at a Council dinner meeting Friday evening, Oct. 23, and moderated a panel on Parent Power, with three parents and three students participating, the next morning. A classroom lecture by Prof. Eleanor Barton, chairman of the art department, preceded the panel.

Other features on the day's program were the President's reception, a candle-light dinner, and presentation of this year's senior show, Alice in Wonderland.

There were several other preliminary requirements. Each student had to write to the political headquarters where she wished to work, to ask the campaign manager whether or not her assistance would be welcomed. In most cases the offers were gladly accepted. Also, each student had to learn about her state's electoral code.

Reference materials for the students included *A Guide to Political Activity by College Students*, by Herzberg and Peltason, and the *1970 Guide to Campaign Participation*, a compendium of up-to-date information on parties and candidates, published by the Bipartisan Congressional Clearing House.

Some students have previously worked at a party headquarters, or in their studies at Sweet Briar have filled assignments as poll watchers, but the experience of campaigning was new to most. Their work included door-to-door and telephone canvassing to get out the vote; political research to keep track of the opposition; assisting with political rallies; and on Election Day, organizing transportation, serving as poll watchers or, in states that permit it, as party challengers inside the polls.

Wailes Center Dedicated In Community Ceremony

On a crisp, golden October afternoon, the new Cornelia and Edward Thompson Wailes College Center was dedicated. Guests included many alumnae, parents, and friends of the late Ambassador and Mrs. Wailes, in addition to students and other members of the campus community.

Student hostesses received the guests and led them on tours of the Center, showing them the spacious formal lounge and the dining room, where refreshments were served, on the first floor, and the informal Bistro, card and music listening rooms, and game room on the ground floor.

Guests for the brief dedication program, seated on the lower terrace, heard President Pannell's introductory remarks which were followed by those of three speakers: Mrs. Joseph A. Gilchrist, Jr.; Marjorie Montgomery, '71, representing the students and telling of their plans for enjoying the Center with their guests; and Mr. J. Bruce Bredin, speaking for the parents and the college's governing Boards, of which he is a member.

Having known both Cornelia and Tom Wailes for many years, Mrs. Gilchrist related incidents from their lives which portrayed them in warm human terms.

"Tom and Cornelia wanted the Wailes Center to be a 'fun building' in the very best sense of that word: a building where lasting friendships would be formed, where good conversation would flourish, where weary minds and spirits and bodies would be refreshed, where gaiety would abound," she said.

The Honorable Robert D. Murphy, former career diplomat and colleague of Ambassador Wailes, was the speaker at a dinner that evening in the Refectory, which was attended by over 300 guests. His tribute included a summary of the qualities which distinguished both Ambassador and Mrs. Wailes throughout their long career in the foreign service of our country.

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First Semester

COLLEGE CALENDAR

October

2 *Henri M. Peyre: *Contemporary French Literature and the Absurd*
 5-6-7 Baroque Music Festival: Philidor Trio, concert; Paul Hume, lecture; John R. Shannon, organ recital
 8 A. D. Hope, poetry reading
 11 Film: *Sullivan's Travels*, Sturgis Pow Wow, Downs & Liebling
 14-17 Alumnae Council Meetings
 14 Sir Leslie French, *An Evening of Shakespeare*
 16 Founders' Day Memorial Service Dedication of Wailes College Center
 18 Film: *The Shop on Main Street*, Kos and Kadar; *Permutations*, Whitney
 22-24 Senior Show: *Alice in Wonderland*
 24 Parents' Day
 25 Film: *Divorce, Italian Style*, Germi Two Tars, Laurel & Hardy
 26 John Hollander, poetry reading
 29 Sylvère Monod; *The Modernity of Dickens*
 30 *Millar Burrows, *The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Religion of Jesus*; *Jesus and Society*

November

2 *Alexander V. Riasanovsky, *Soviet Students*
 2-6 Virginia Museum Artmobile: *African Sculpture*
 8 Film: *Nothing But a Man*, Roemer
Oh Dem Watermelons, Nelson
 12 *Jeanne Chall, lecture
 14-15 Horse Show and Hunter Trials
 15 Film: *The General*, Keaton
The Great Train Robbery
 19 A. D. Hope, poetry lecture
 22 Film: *Rules of the Game*, Renoir; *Allures*, Belson
 25-29 Thanksgiving recess

December

4 *Grace Bates, mathematics lecture
 11-12 Paint & Patches: *Riders to the Sea*, by J. M. Synge; *The Happy Journey to Camden and Trenton*, by Thornton Wilder; *Motel*, by J. C. van Itallie
 13 Film: *Hunger*, Carlsen; *The Fatal Glass of Beer*, W. C. Fields
 14 Oxford-Cambridge Players, *Hamlet*
 16 Christmas vacation begins

January 1971

3 Christmas vacation ends
 7 A. D. Hope; *Three Australian Poets*
 10 Film: *L'Atalante*, Vigo; *Rain*, Ivens.
 17 Film: *Duck Soup*, Marx Brothers
Easy Street, Chaplin
 19-26 Mid-year examinations

February

1 Second semester classes begin
 2, 4, 5 Beethoven Bicentennial Celebration: concerts by the Francesco Chamber Trio, Alfred Brendel, pianist, and New Cleveland String Quartet

*Visiting Scholar, University Center in Virginia

Poet-in-residence

A. D. Hope Teaching Two Courses This Term

As visiting lecturer in English at Sweet Briar this semester, A. D. Hope, internationally-known Australian poet, is teaching courses in the writing and analysis of poetry. He has already given a reading of his own poems and will give two other public lectures.

The poet was appointed under a grant from the Sue Reid Slaughter Endowment Fund which was established by a bequest to the Alumnae Association for special academic programs. Miss Slaughter was a 1913 graduate of Sweet Briar.

Mr. Hope was born in New South Wales, grew up in Tasmania, took a B.A. degree at the University of Sydney, and won a traveling scholarship to Oxford.

Before he became head of the English department at Australian National University, he headed the department at Canberra University College, and had previously taught at the University of Melbourne. He retired from teaching in 1968.

In 1967 Mr. Hope was awarded the Australia-Britannica Award for Literature, and in 1969 the Levinson Prize for Poetry and the Ingram Merrill Award for Literature. His books include: *The Wandering Islands; Poems*; *The Cave and the Spring*; *Collected Poems*; and *New Poems*, *A Midsummer Eve's Dream*, and *Dunciad Minor*, published this year.

Mr. Hope has previously visited this country four times, in 1968-69 as a visiting poetry consultant to the Library of Congress. He gave a poetry reading at Sweet Briar in March, 1969. In 1967 he took part in the International Festival of the Performing Arts, at Lincoln Center in New York.

Wailes Center

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Ambassador Wailes served on the Sweet Briar board from 1954 until his death in 1969. Mrs. Wailes, a graduate of Sweet Briar, died last August. Benefactors of the college for many years, their most recent interest lay in the College Center, now named for them.

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The 65th Year

Statistically Speaking

• ENROLLMENT, opening day: 716 from 40 states & D.C., 9 other countries. Transfers: 9 juniors, 5 sophomores.

• CLASS OF 1971: 127 (and 6 not in residence)

• CLASS OF 1972: 113 (and 26 abroad; 1 in Washington Semester Program, 1 at Davidson College)

• CLASS OF 1973: 221

• CLASS OF 1974: 255
 54% from 121 public schools; 46% from 83 independent schools.

Early Decision: 63
 High School class standing: 126 in top fifth, and 70 in top tenth.

Special Scholarships: Anne Nelson, Houston, Junior Achievement Award of Southeast Texas; Susan Rhymer, Quantico, Va., National Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation; Susan White, Norwalk, State of Connecticut Scholarship; Carol Bebb, Chicago, Talman Federal Savings and Loan Assn. Scholarship.

Geographic distribution: northeast 89 (37%); southeast 103 (42%); southwest 18 (7%); middle & northwest 29 (12%); far west 3 (1%); foreign 3 (1%).

Largest state representations: Virginia 48; New York 23; Maryland 16; Ohio 14; Texas and Florida 13; New Jersey 12; Alabama and Pennsylvania 11.

Alumnae daughters, 16; granddaughters, 3; sisters of past or present students, 18.

STUDENT HONORS

Benedict Scholar: Anne Sniffen '71

Manson Scholar: Rebecca Randolph '71

Phi Beta Kappa: Ruth Allen, Cynthia Clarke, Katharine Fisher, Caroline Gibbes, Roma Skeen (elected in October).

McVea Scholars: Carole McIvor '71; Katherine Upchurch '72; Jane Genster '73

Dean's List Seniors: Ruth Allen, Carter Burns, Caroline Gibbes, Carole McIvor, Carol Newman, Janice Pogue, Rebecca Randolph, Lillian Shipper, Roma Skeen, Anne Sniffen, Kenney Thornton*, Beverly Wright.

Juniors: Cynthia Conklin, Mercedes Gravatt*, Stephanie Harmon*, Jennifer Linsley, Katharine Pauley, Deborah Price, Patricia Reardon*, Elizabeth Smith, Katherine Upchurch, Virginia Upchurch; Sophomores: Freida Carpenter, Virginia Conley, Roberta Culbertson, Alice Fahs, Monica Freeman, Jane Genster, Deborah Pollock, Ruth Rowan, Ellen Stelling, Kathryn Thilking, Kathleen Williams.

Junior Honors: Cynthia Gaudio, Caroline Gibbes, Mercedes Gravatt*, Virginia Stevens*, Karen Terstappen*, Katherine and Virginia Upchurch, Elizabeth Walbridge

*Studying abroad.

Tau Phi (upperclass honorary society) Seniors: Carter Burns, Marianne Fahs, Katherine Fisher, Caroline Gibbes, Evelyn Manov, Carole McIvor, Valeria Murphey, Deborah Pigman, Rebecca Randolph, Jennifer Slade, Barbara Smith, Trent Stevenson;

Juniors: Martha Holland, Katherine Upchurch, Virginia Upchurch, Georgene Vairo Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges: Carter Burns, Michela English, Nancy Glaser, Barbara Gracey, Carolyn Jones, Claire Kinnett, Evelyn Manov, Marjorie Montgomery, Yolanda Moore, Valeria Murphey, Deborah Pigman, Rebecca Randolph, Roma Skeen.

Opening Days, September 1970



A new student buys a 'Face Book' . . .



Some new faculty members this year are: (first row) Miss Louisa Eaton, biology assistant; Miss Susan Noble, physical education; Dr. Frank C. DeSua, Dana professor of mathematics; Mrs. Mary F. Maddox, English. (second row) John M. Lee, music; Frank Rutter, Spanish; Dr. Reuben G. Miller, Dana professor of economics; Edward H. Drayer, sociology.

. . . and shows it to her parents



Outside the Book Shop, students list books they will buy for their courses



A freshman, Penny Lagakos, is interviewed by WLVA-TV

Escorted by a sophomore, Rita Anselmo, right, a group of freshmen come to a faculty home on Sunday afternoon



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Campus Notes

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● Sweet Briar House is now listed in the Virginia Historic Landmarks Register and has been nominated for the National Register of Historic Places.

● Two outstanding teachers, Dr. Frank C. DeSua and Dr. Reuben G. Miller, joined the faculty this year as Charles A. Dana professors of mathematics and economics, respectively. Their appointments complete the four professorships provided under terms of a grant from the Charles A. Dana Foundation. Dr. DeSua previously taught at Simmons College and Dr. Miller came from Smith College.

● Three members of the faculty, endorsed by their colleagues, received awards for Excellence in Teaching at the Opening Convocation in September. Designated "for superior teachers who . . . have given evidence, by the length of their service, of their professional commitment to the college," these awards of \$1,000 each went to Dr. Ralph Aiken, associate professor of English; Dr. Jane Belcher, professor of biology; and Dr. Lysbeth W. Muncy, professor of history. An alumna, Flora Cameron Atherton, established the awards.

● Miss Helen Montague became the manager of the Book Shop July 1, succeeding Miss Helen McMahon who was manager from 1947 until she retired last June.

● John F. Collins, former instructor in mathematics, has joined the administrative staff as Recorder. He succeeded Miss Jeanette Boone, who had served since 1931, as Assistant Registrar and later as Recorder, until her retirement in June.



Nine of the 10 Sweet Briar students enrolled in the 1970-71 Junior Year in France sailed Sept. 3 on the Queen Elizabeth 2. They are: Penelope Walsh, Littleton, N. H.; Jean Andrews and Rhonda Griffith, Norfolk; Karen Terstappen, Newtown Square, Pa.; Eileen Gebrian,

Rocky Mount, N. C.; Stephanie Harmon, Silver Spring, Md.; Mercedes Gravatt, Blackstone, Va.; Martha Bugg, Richmond; and Nancy Kauffmann, Hilton Head Island, S. C. Rosario Brache, New York, joined them on arrival in France.

● Dean Catherine Sims addressed a symposium on New Directions in the Liberal Arts, held Nov. 12 at the College of St. Elizabeth, in New Jersey. Co-sponsors were the area alumnae clubs of Connecticut, Elmira, Goucher, Sweet Briar, Wells and Wheaton.

● Dr. Milan E. Hapala, Carter Glass Professor of Government, is the author of a chapter, "Political Parties in Czechoslovakia 1918-38," in a two-volume collection of papers, *Czechoslovakia, Past and Present*, which was published last spring at The Hague.

● Two 1970 graduates of Sweet Briar, Karen Hartnett and Elizabeth Wilson, joined the admissions staff July 1 as field representatives and assistants to the director. Virginia Baldwin Cox, '69, is remaining in the same capacity.

● With funds provided under the National Science Foundation grant to Sweet Briar last spring, Kenneth D. Grimm, assistant professor of government, attended the 8th World Congress of the International Political Science Association in Munich, Germany, early in September. He attended sessions on Biology and Politics, Food and Politics, and others. He also spent a week in Geneva doing research for his doctoral dissertation on international telecommunications.

● An article on "The Genesis Theophanies of Hilary of Poitiers," by Dr. Gregory Armstrong, associate professor of religion, has been published in *Studia Patristica*, Vol. X, papers presented to the 5th International Conference on Patristic Studies held in Oxford in 1967. Several book reviews by Dr. Armstrong have recently been published in religious journals.

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